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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

2100 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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PRAYER: Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of Life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (238:3-5)

HYMNS: 213; 212; 221; 37:3

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 47

The psalmist leads us in songs of praise and rejoicing because of the ascension of the Lord Jesus who is our God and King over all the earth. The Lord reigns! Jesus has successfully defeated the old evil foe, and all things are now subject to Him. We see the evil in this world: we see the persecution of Christians and the rise of false religions and we may be tempted to fear or doubt that the Lord is in control. Jesus' ascension confirms beyond all doubt that He reigns and protects us from all evil. Let us also "shout to God with the voice of triumph!"

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:44-53

Our risen Lord confirms that all that was foretold by the prophets was fulfilled in Him. It was written and it was necessary for the Christ to suffer die and rise again that the repentance and remission of sins could be proclaimed to all nations. With the Lord ascension the New Testament age was to begin as the age of the Holy Spirit. And so Jesus visibly ascended into heaven, blessing the assembled disciples as He was taken up into heaven. So we also are blessed by Jesus, and worship Him with great joy.

THE SERMON: Ephesians 1:15-23

Theme: Jesus' Ascension's Impact upon Us and Our Salvation

- I. A Demonstration of the Power of God that called us to Faith
- II. Establishment of Jesus' Majestic Power as Head of the Church

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday and school and Bible class follow the service. Pastor Barthels is requesting a brief meeting of the church council immediately after the service in the church office regarding the call to Grand Rapids, MI.

SATURDAY: Spring Cleanup day at St. Paul's beginning at 9:00, hoping to finish by about noon. May 21 rain date.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost Sunday - Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 with Sunday school and Church Council following the service. Sermon text: Isaiah 44:1-6.

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesdays June 15, 22, 29. VBS from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> Minnesota delegate conference is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato.

June 23-26, 2016: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday so that lay delegates need take fewer days off work in order to attend.

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball, Joe Ubl, Phil Egtvedt, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Ubl

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 1 Worship – 31; Sunday School – 7

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1097.00	
Needed for Year:	\$20,790.00	
Received for Year:	\$17,031.00	

**Call received:** Pastor Barthels has received the call to serve as pastor of Rock of Ages Lutheran Church of the greater Grand Rapids, MI area. He would like to meet briefly with the members of the church councils of St. Paul's and Divine Word immediately after the service.

**CLC NEWS:** The Rev. Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, St. Paul's Lutheran, White River SD, and Peace Lutheran, Mission SD, has returned the call to serve as associate pastor at Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN. <> The Rev. Roland Gurgel, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Spring TX, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI. The congregation has now called graduate Joseph Naumann. <> Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, has called the Rev. Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran, Dallas TX.

**ILC Student Aid Fund (SAF):** Currently the SAF has an unexpected negative balance due to very low investment earnings this year. We are anticipating a negative \$15,000 balance at the end of this academic year, unless offerings to the SAF help resolve this. The SAF is the fund that supports Immanuel students through loans, grants, and scholarships. Please consider this in your offerings to support the Lord's work.

**The Branches--**A women's magazine that served to encourage and edify! Renewals and new subscriptions to The Branches are underway. Subscriptions are \$15.00/year (4 issues). Send subscription requests to Laura Wales (Subscription Manager), 8727 Forestview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369 / lewales@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to "The Branches" or email Laura for a PayPal option.

**Caring for God's Servants:** The Immanuel Professorage Committee is looking for volunteer help immediately before or after the CLC Convention. If you are able to help with any of these projects or would like more details, please contact Pastor Paul Tiefel (715-829-2000/[tiefels@hotmail.com](mailto:tiefels@hotmail.com)).

**RETIREMENT GIFT: John Pfeiffer served as the pastor here at St. Paul's from 1984 until November of 1994** when the Pfeiffers moved to Eau Claire. We have a card we will be sending directly from us with our own acknowledgment of John's retirement, and the blessing his ministry was to St. Paul's. A basket will be set out for those who wish to contribute to a gift from St. Paul's. Those who prefer to contribute to the **synodical** gift may send their check to Immanuel College in Eau Claire. and indicate: "Prof. Pfeiffer Retirement" on the memo line Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.